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## ***COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN***

**SIOUX FALLS, September 19, 2003** – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 78.8 million pounds during August. This was down 5 percent from one year ago and down 3 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For August, pork production and sheep and lamb production were down from a year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 375,800 head during August compared to 395,400 head last year. Average live weight was 255 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from August 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 375,000 head, which was comprised of 7,600 sows and 367,400 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 800 head during August compared to 1,200 head last year. Average live weight was 122 pounds, which was up 14 pounds from August 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 600 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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